

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 831  
By Rhinehart

A RESOLUTION to name a certain bridge on State Route 2 in  
Marion County in honor of the late Thomas Lee  
Coffelt.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to  
name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who, during their  
lifetimes, contributed immeasurably to the growth and prosperity of their respective  
communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Thomas Lee Coffelt is most assuredly one such distinguished public  
servant worthy of this special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Lee Coffelt was a beacon of positive action and irreproachable  
integrity in Marion County, and he was widely respected and admired among his peers and  
neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coffelt was a hard-working and compassionate man who was always  
willing to lend a helping hand to his fellow human beings who were in need; and

WHEREAS, born on October 13, 1907, Thomas Lee Coffelt was the son of the late Ike  
and Adeline Coffelt; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coffelt distinguished himself as a diligent and accomplished farmer in  
the employ of Ed Anderson and Sons; and

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WHEREAS, this fine gentleman also enjoyed marital bliss with the former Millie Templeton, who has since gone on to her great reward; and

WHEREAS, the loving couple had two daughters, Billie Hill and Joyce Smallwood, both of whom survive their parents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coffelt's life was tragically cut short at the age of 32 years, yet his memory lives on as a testament to all that is good and moral in our society; and

WHEREAS, because Thomas Lee Coffelt helped to construct the original bridge over Battle Creek in 1929, it is most appropriate that such bridge should be named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, this fitting commemoration of Mr. Coffelt's life of purpose and commitment shall also serve to remind his friends and family of his all too brief time on God's Earth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That in honor of a distinguished gentleman who was renowned for his stalwart commitment and dedication to perpetuating the common good, Bridge No. 582420, which spans Battle Creek on State Route 2 in Marion County, is hereby designated the "Thomas Lee Coffelt Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Thomas Lee Coffelt Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Coffelt's daughters, with the final four resolving clauses omitted from such copies.